



Open Space Committee

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Time: 7:30 PM.

Location: Conducted by Zoom remote participation

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ann LeRoy, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Kelly Lynema, Wendy Richter, David White, Emily Sullivan,

Absent: Emily Nink, Brian Kelder, Teresa DeBenedictis, Phil Lasker, Zach Vaillette

Guests: Lily Fox-Jurkowitz, Greta Mastro, Daisy Takang

1. Remembrance of Climate Futures

- a. Three high school students interning with the Remembrance of Climate Futures project presented a summary of the project and asked the Committee about how it works on climate change issues. The students emphasized that the project prioritizes environmental justice communities.
- b. The Committee summarized the climate change work it does, including working on the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update. The Committee thanked the students for their work on the project.

2. Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022)

- a. The Committee reviewed the public engagement materials that have been developed for the OSRP update, including posters, flyers, postcards, yard signs, and the OSRP survey. All materials can have a QR code on it to direct folks to the survey.
- b. The Committee discussed signing up for Listening Posts, and some Committee members stated that they would prefer to do Listening Posts in pairs.
- c. The Committee discussed other outreach efforts to pursue, including working with the Housing Corporation of Arlington, Arlington housing Authority, Arlington Eats, FoodLink, School Department (in the fall when school resumes), and large apartment/condo buildings.

3. Updates: CPA/CDBG projects

- a. The Res Phase 2 project has contracted SumCo to complete the perimeter, beach, and playground work. The project is ongoing and will continue through the end of the calendar year.
- b. The Wellington Park project has contracted Cassidy Landscaping to conduct the work. The project is ongoing and will continue through the end of the summer.

4. Other News and Reports

- a. Mugar/Thorndike Place: The next hearing for the Thorndike Place comprehensive permit is scheduled for 8/3/2021.
- b. Mirak/1165R Mass Ave: The next hearing for the 1165R Mass Ave comprehensive permit is scheduled for 7/26/2021.

- c. The OSC discussed that the Picture Post initiative was no longer receiving institutional support by colleges/universities. Committee member John Pickle is moving out of Arlington and therefore resigning from the Committee. The Committee discussed the future of the Picture Post program in Arlington, and whether the posts should be removed since the project is no longer institutionally supported.
- d. We did not have a quorum so could not vote on the May 27 and June 24 minutes. The committee decided to continue to meet remotely via Zoom until further notice.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:58 PM.

2021 Meeting Dates (usually 4th Thursday of the month but note exceptions): August 26, September 23, October 28, November 11, December 9 (due to holidays)

Submitted by
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